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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

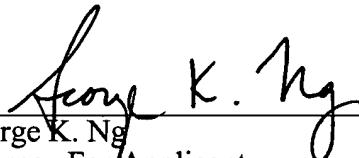
- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,010,183
- (2) T. Okamoto, et al., "Microarray fabrication with covalent attachment of DNA using Bubble Jet technology", Nature Biotechnology, Vol. 18, No. 4, pp. 438 to 441 (2000).
- (3) M. Pirrung, "How to Make a DNA Chip", Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., Vol. 41, No. 8, pp. 1277 to 1289 (2002).

The above documents were cited in a Search Report dated June 22, 2004 for a counterpart European application and may be relevant for the reasons cited therein. A copy of the Search Report is also enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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